



## Cathey Kennedy Quilt Maker's Story

Cathey has been a crafter her entire life. She was self taught with inspiration and help from her mother and paternal grandmother. She made clothes for her troll dolls, created stuffed animals and puppets as well as some rudimentary knitting. She went to Philadelphia College of Art and majored in the Swiss School of Graphic Design. She worked in the field of graphics until her first child was born when she discovered her first quilt shop, The Quilters Loft in Rochester, MI and fell in love with the craft.

Within 3 years she was teaching and working at the shop. In 1983 she moved to the Albany, NY area and joined QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) the local guild with about 250 members. She was an active member for fifteen years. During her tenure with them she was on their board while they incorporated and gained their 501c3 status as a nonprofit organization. She designed their pattern of the month for nine years and taught quilting in local libraries and through continuing education. At the request of many of her students, she started a small open studio type quilting group that met every other week near her home in Taborton, NY.

Until recently, most of the work Cathey has done has been entirely by hand: piecing, appliqué, and the quilting itself. Since moving to San Francisco, where all of her adult “boys” now live, she joined the San Francisco Quilt Guild, and is currently the Secretary to the Board and also active with the Quilt Show Committee and one of the “sewing circles”. To her delight, she also discovered and joined the Dorcas Hand Quilters, who quilt for hire. The Dorcas group has been meeting weekly to quilt by hand around large floor frames since 1838.

Cathey's current challenge is to become more strategic about using her sewing machine as a complement to her hand work in order to tackle the UFO's in her stash.

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